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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR VARIABLE SPEED OPERATION OF A SCREW COMPRESSOR

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[X] a) the English language version or an English translation if not published in English, if available (see PTO-1449)[1.98(a)(3)]; and/or

- (b) U.S. counterpart patents or English language equivalents of the foreign patents or published foreign patent applications (see PTO-1449); and/or
- (c) a concise explanation of the relevance of the listed patents, publications or other information (see PTO-1449, foreign search report or other, attached), as it is presently understood by the person signing this disclosure, since no English translation is currently available[1.98(a)(3)].

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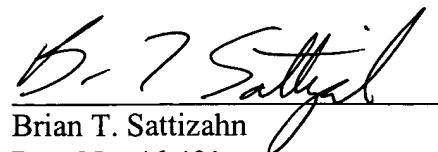
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